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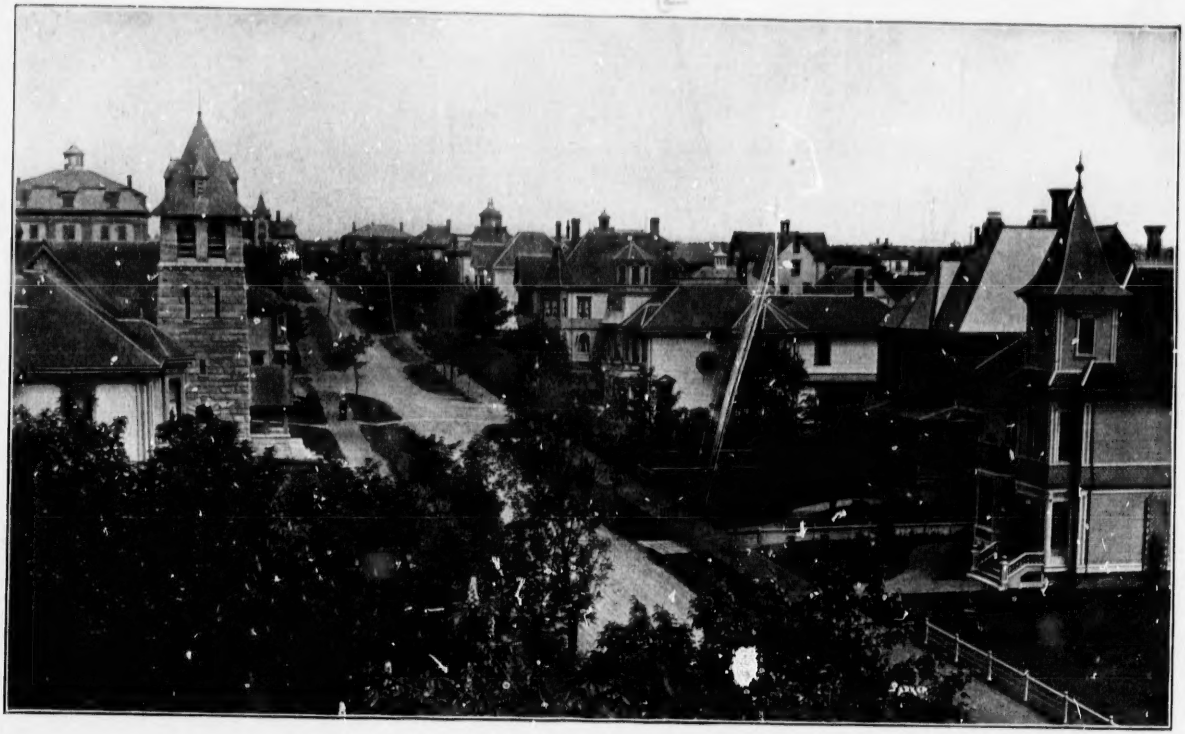

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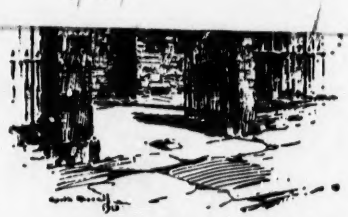

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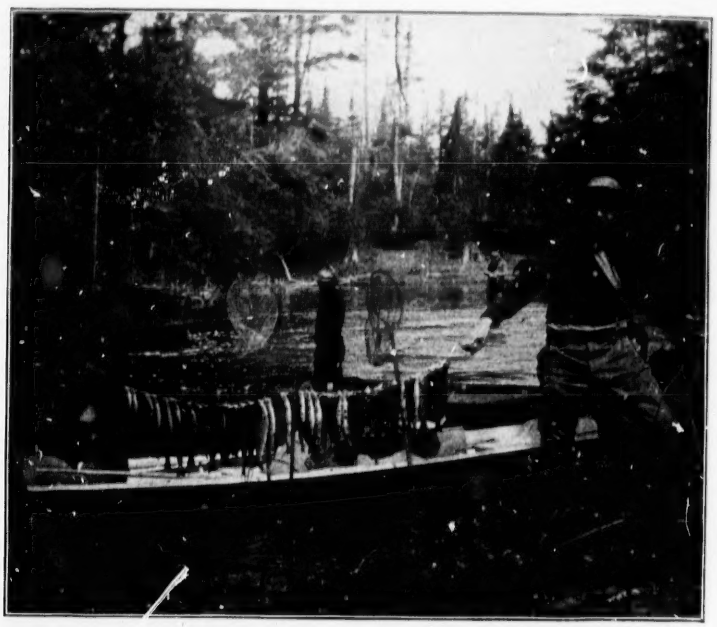
THE purpose of this booklet is to attract the attention of the reader to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, as a desirable place in which to spend one's summer vacation, and also to mention, casually, The Grand Hotel as a place where shelter and sustenance of the right sort may be had by the sojourner while here. The whole province of Nova Scotia has been well and deservedly written about as "Nature's vacation land" for the over-worked, super-heated and sick of the towns and cities of this northern half of the American continent. The salubrity of its climate and the beauty of its scenery have been dwelt upon and pictured time and again, but the subject cannot be exhausted nor overdone until all who need and can afford the trip have taken it and enjoyed its benefits.

But it is Yarmouth which we are writing about now. Yarmouth is sometimes called "The Gateway to Nova Scotia." This is because of its geographical position as the point nearest to the United States; and being reached by daily boat from Boston in the time between lunch of one day and breakfast of the next, the trip is taken as lightly and with as little fatigue as that between New York and Boston. Ordinarily one passes THROUGH a gateway and then journeys on. This used to be the rule here (too much), before the Grand Hotel was built; but it is the rule no longer. No place in the provinces offers greater inducements to the summer vacationist to tarry, than does Yarmouth. Vacations are usually taken in July, August and September, and it is during those months that the climate here is at its best. When the thermometer in most parts of the United States and in Canada climbs up to 75°,

TROUT FISHING ON THE TUSKET RIVER.
THE BAD FALLS.

80°, 85°, 90°, 100° and sometimes higher, even in the summer resorts; when suffering men and women in these resorts pant and perspire and try to make themselves and each other believe they are enjoying life; when occupants of bed-rooms like brick ovens, roll and toss, trying to woo needed sleep without success, the Yarmouth visitor is out cycling, driving, walking, playing croquet or tennis in a temperature of 67° to 70° and not "starting a hair" with the exercise; or he is soundly sleeping under a sheet, blanket and spread in a temperature of 60°, and laying in stores of good health to draw from during the months that must intervene before his next Nova Scotia trip.

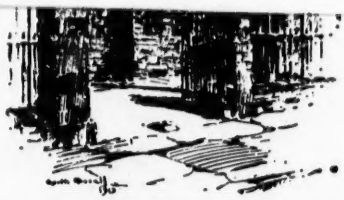


A MORNING'S CATCH.

To impress more vividly upon the mind of the reader what we have said about the temperature, we give below an abstract from the records of the officer in charge of the Government Meterological Observatory at Yarmouth, for the three summer months.

	Temp. at 9 a.m.	Temp. at 9 p.m.	Highest during day.
Average for June	57 dgs.	55 dgs.	66 dgs.
Average for July	61 "	56 "	67 "
Average for August	61 "	58 "	68 "

Malaria is unknown. There are no mosquitoes or other insect pests. The water supply is from a beautiful lake of the purest spring water 16 miles in the interior. Every condition is most favorable to perfect health. Persons suffering from the enervating effects of residence in hot climates find the cool and bracing air of Yarmouth of the greatest benefit.



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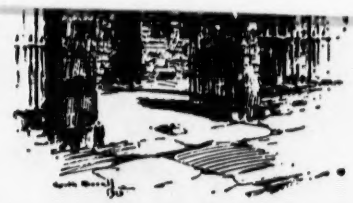
OFFiCE, GRAND HOTEL.

A CORNER IN FLOWERS: GROUNDS OF R. CAIE, ESQ.



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There is another thing about the climate here that calls for special mention, and that is that Hay Fever is unknown in Yarmouth, and moreover, that persons coming here suffering from that distressing malady experience immediate and total relief from it. We do not know why this is so, but that it is so we have abundant proof, and can give, by special permission, the names and addresses of a number of former guests of the Grand who will be glad to vouch for what we say. We copy below several letters bearing upon this point, which we have permission to print:

Having spent three seasons at the Grand Hotel, Yarmouth, N.S. for the benefit of my wife's "Hay Fever," I take great pleasure in recommending the climate of Yarmouth as a sure specific for this malady, and to say that with the home comforts of the "Grand" a season can be spent there most agreeably.

JOHN B. OSBOURNE,
Somerville, New Jersey.

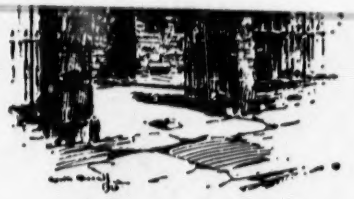
110 South 38th Street.
Philadelphia, March 27, 1900.

F. C. WILSON, Manager,
Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

Dear Sir: As one of your guests during the past two seasons, it gives me pleasure to say, that having visited many resorts both mountain and seashore, seeking relief from my annual attack of Autumnal Catarrh or Hay Fever, I have received entire exemption amid the cool sea-breezes and delightful climate of Yarmouth,

TROUT DRESSED FOR BREAKFAST.

DINING ROOM, GRAND HOTEL.



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such a . I have never experienced at any other place visited by me. I can therefore cheerfully recommend it to all my fellow sufferers. The town is quaint and interesting, and its citizens kind and hospitable. As for the "Grand," it is homelike, comfortable, well managed, and i.. all respects to be commended. And the general opinion of the guests is, it is superior to any other Hotel in the Province.

Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM B. HANNA.

My dear Mr. Wilson: Your letter received. I add this testimonial.

"I have had hay fever since childhood, and visited nearly all the 'exempted zones' in the United States and Canada, and find Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, the best of all, affording the greatest relief from the dreaded scourge."

JOHN S. BRYANT,
Buffalo, N.Y.

March, 1899.

MR. WILSON,

Dear Sir: Mrs. Brien and myself are eagerly awaiting the return of another season so that we may have the pleasure of again being your guests at the Grand Hotel. We remember with pleasure the *prompt* and *efficient service* and the courteous treatment that was extended to us by you and everyone connected with the Grand

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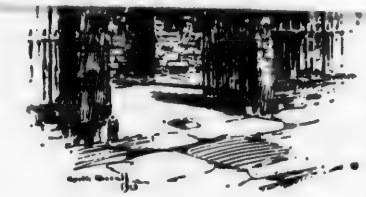
A SUCCESSFUL SHOT.



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Hotel. As to Yarmouth in point of natural advantages its consistently *cool* temperature and bracing air, its beautiful walks and varied scenery, with the everchanging panorama of the Bay of Fundy, make it a most delightful place to summer at. The attractive, quaint old town itself with its absolutely scrupulous neatness, all render Yarmouth a charming place.

Anticipating the pleasure of another summer at the Grand Hotel and with best wishes for a successful season.

I am truly yours,

R. BRIEN, 57 East 107th Street, New York.

OFFICE OF BENJ. D. BENSON & SON,
MANUFACTURING STATIONERS.

F. C. WILSON, Esq., Manager,
Grand Hotel, Yarmouth, N. S.

New York, March 26th, 1900.

My dear Mr. Wilson: Your letter of the 19th inst. received, asking if you may expect us to be with you again, and would say, that as far as I know, we shall avail ourselves of your Arcadian hospitality this season, but will, of course, write you later when you may expect us.

As long as your climate relieves Mrs. Benson so entirely of her Hay Fever, and so long as your hotel is run in the efficient manner it has been since you took the management of it, I presume you can count on us as regular patrons. With kind regards, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

TILLMAN C. BENSON.

Mr. F. C. WILSON, Manager.

Huntington, Pa., April 6th, 1900.

My dear Sir: I have yours of the 3d, and in reply will say I have been a sufferer from Hay Fever for the last forty years. During that period I have tried many places of resort during Hay Fever season. At most of them I experienced some relief, but never until I tried Yarmouth, N.S., in 1897, was I entirely exempt. In 1898 it did not suit me to go so far from home, and I tried another place with little or no benefit. In 1899 I again spent the Hay Fever season at Yarmouth and again I was entirely exempt; did not have a single symptom.

Hay Fever subjects whom I met at Yarmouth had about the same experience I have had. The Grand is a good hotel and has a nice class of patrons.

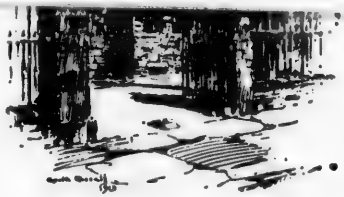
Very truly yours,

R. ALLISON MILLER.

PARLOR, GRAND HOTEL.

But Yarmouth does not depend upon climate and temperature alone for its attractions. One does not have to vegetate here. Besides being a beautiful town in its residential quarters, there are all the advantages of social and intellectual life that go with any thoroughly modern town of eight thousand inhabitants anywhere. The town is noted for its churches and schools and for the high standard of morality and temperance of its people. There is a fine Opera House, a local Brass Band and Orchestra. Well equipped Livery Stables and Bicycle Stables enable visitors to take delightful drives and spins along excellent roads to out-of-town resorts, such as Port Maitland Beach, twelve miles along the shore of

WRITING ROOM, GRAND HOTEL.



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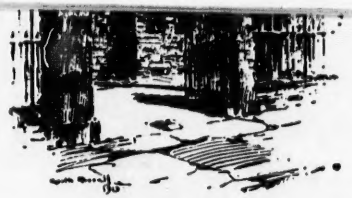
the Bay of Fundy, or to Tusket, nine miles in the interior, a charming village on the Tusket River which is noted for its salmon and trout fishing in the season. Bayview Park, a delightful resort overlooking the Bay, lies right across the harbor and is reached by steamer plying hourly from Steamboat wharf. From the Park it is but a short walk across to the Bay of Fundy shore, and here when there is even a moderate breeze one may enjoy the spectacle of huge waves dashing themselves to foam against the great rocks and rugged cliffs along the shore. The view called "The Churn" is taken from a point just opposite the Park. It is a favorite walk to "The Churn" for guests of the "Grand." Cape Forchu, Johns Cove (a beautiful crescent of sand beach) and the Light House are within easy walking distance of Bay View Park, or may be reached by carriage or bicycle from the hotel. Boat sailing and deep-sea fishing trips are other diversions easily within reach. Trout and salmon fishing on the neighboring rivers and streams is at its best during the spring months of April, May and June. Fishing gear may be bought in Yarmouth, and boats and guides are to be hired reasonably at the fishing resorts. One may either camp out or find accommodations at one of the country hotels. A very pleasant fishing trip is to drive to Kemptville (twenty-four miles from Yarmouth) on the Tusket River, hire a guide with boat there and fish down the river to Tusket, taking the train back to Yarmouth. From three days to a week may be agreeably spent upon this trip; camping by night in some picturesque spot with the murmur of the rapids for a lullaby, and fishing or floating with the stream by day. The pictures "A Morning's Catch" and "Trout Dressed for Breakfast" were taken by one of a party of gentlemen from Boston who were here on a fishing trip last season.

Moose hunting may be indulged in in October and November, but one must not expect to shoot moose from the Hotel balcony. To find the moose "at home" involves a trip of about thirty miles back in the country, with time enough on one's hands to spend at least a week in the woods. Good guides may

ONE OF THE SUITES, GRAND HOTEL.

A SEASON'S COLLECTION OF MOOSE HORNS BY B. DOANE, TAXIDERMIST.



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be [illegible], will do all the work connected with camp life, including the cooking. The picture "A Successful Shot" was taken on the hunting grounds mentioned last season. The hunter is one of Yarmouth's business men, and an enthusiastic sportsman and amateur photographer.

As regards the Grand Hotel, a cut of which appears on the first page of this booklet, we cannot do better, perhaps, than quote from an American writer who spent a summer here a couple of years ago and who was enthusiastic in his praises of Yarmouth. He says: "Speaking of the Grand Hotel and its generous piazzas; it would be doing Yarmouth a distinct wrong not to dwell a moment on this subject, for we Americans have an idea that we are the only people on this side of the water that have perfectly appointed hotels. It is quite true that in days gone by Nova Scotia was a little weak on this point, but those days are indeed gone by, as you will say when you see the Grand. It has been opened only a couple of years, but it has already made a name for itself among American tourists. It stands as a conspicuous monument of public spirit, for it was built by a syndicate of the moneyed men of the place, not so much with a view to a profitable investment as to give their city a hotel worthy of Yarmouth's position and reputation.

And they succeeded admirably. The Grand is a most attractive house, and in many respects it undoubtedly stands at the head of the hotels in the province. It is a handsome structure of brick and freestone, erected on the most commanding site in the city. From its large office, from all its front rooms, and from any spot on its front piazza, you look down across an open park, take in a full sweep of the harbor with its shipping and its green islands, the rocky ridge of land that bounds the harbor on the other side, and over that and far away the Bay of Fundy and the open Atlantic. It is a superb view. In fact it is a superb hotel all through; superb in its building, in its appointments, and in its service."

The Grand is a one hundred room house and is conducted on the "American plan." The House has been found very pleasant and home-like, and the same patrons returning to us year after year is evidence of the favor in which it is held by its guests. Rates of board are very moderate.

For further particulars address the manager.

THE GRAND HOTEL COMPANY (limited)

ROBERT CAIE, *President.* A. W. EAKINS, *Sec'y-Treas.* F. C. WILSON, *Manager.*

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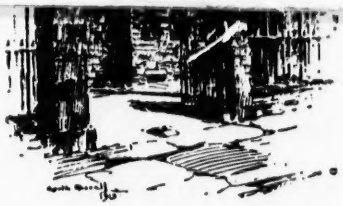

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